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Colorado Trends

Labor force statistics for February indicated little change in the State's weak economy. A small rise in unemployment coupled with a lower level of employment pushed the seasonally adjusted jobless rate to 8.6 percent, up one-tenth of a percentage point from the revised January mark. A year ago, 6.9 percent of the labor force were without work.

The number of jobless residents increased by 2,100 over the month to reach an adjusted 148,500. That is 31,000 higher than in February a year ago. Claimant data from the State's Unemployment Insurance Program for the last two months shows a mixed picture. Compared to a year earlier fewer persons are losing their jobs, but those already laid off are having a harder time finding a new one.

Employment stood at 1,569,700 in February, falling 16,400 after adjustment for normal seasonal patterns. One year ago, the total was nearly 20,000 higher. The February employment decline was not unexpected. January's 27,600 gain was probably overstated and the current loss brings the estimate to a more realistic level. Overall, employment has remained stable the last few months at a point about 20,000 above the low recorded in September of last year.

Increased visits to Colorado ski areas have brought better economic conditions to many counties heavily dependent upon winter recreation activities. Some of the lowest unemployment rates were reported in Pitkin County (2.1%), Summit County (4.5%), Grand County (5.0%) and Eagle County (5.8%).

The nation's jobless rate was 6.7 percent in February, the third month in a row at that level. The number of unemployed persons was unchanged while civilian employment rose by 370,000. In contrast to labor market conditions in Colorado, the nation's unemployment picture has not been better in almost seven years.

Unadjusted total nonagricultural wage and salary employment was unchanged in February from January's level of 1,391,700. In the past year wage and salary jobs have decreased by 8,100. Although more sectors within the Colorado economy lost jobs in February than advanced, on balance, the period was marked by relative stability.

Major sectors showing job gains over the month were agriculture (up 3,800), services (up 500) and government (up 5,000). Agriculture registered the usual upturn for February as preparations are made for the upcoming growing season. Government scored the largest increase with state education rising 4,200. Almost all of this gain, however, was seasonal.

Of the sectors losing ground during February trade registered the biggest drop (down 2,800), followed by contract construction (down 1,800). All other declining industries fell by less than 1,000. Manufacturing employment was unchanged during the period.

General merchandise stores led the decline in trade employment with a 900 job loss, continuing its normal post-holiday slowdown.

The troubled construction industry has fallen 4,500 jobs in the past year. Job losses have been concentrated in general building contractors (down 2,400) and special trade contractors (down 2,000). The present overbuilt condition of the office and multifamily sectors and the nuances of the new tax legislation are expected to restrain growth in this industry. Still, individual construction projects unrelated to the trouble spots are picking up some of the slack. Work on a $40 million, low to medium-security prison in Ault, Colorado just north of Greeley has begun. The prison is scheduled to open in August 1988 and will employ 200 persons.

The State's mining industry which lost 400 jobs in February and 5,600 in the past year will receive another blow when Texaco acts upon a planned reorganization of its corporate structure. Although the plan will make Denver its national oil exploration center, the immediate impact will be further cuts in Denver's exploration staff.

While jobs at many large corporations are under pressure in the current economic environment, small company growth in some instances has been phenomenal. Nationally, 80 percent of total employment growth occurs in firms of less than 100 workers. An example is Alltac Corp. of Brighton, which produces pressure-sensitive tape. In the 2-1/2 years since the company began operations, its payroll has grown from 10 to its current 90. Now, it is undergoing another expansion which will boost its employment to 130 over the next three months. Its success, and others like it, are giving the local economy needed support in some very difficult times.

While the State has yet to turn the corner toward economic recovery, its condition did not worsen materially this past month.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER MSA** edged up to 7.9 percent in February. The rate stood at 7.6 percent in January and 5.8 percent one year ago. Although the climb of 2,700 in the adjusted number of jobless persons was only one-half of January's increase, 19,600 more Metro residents are unemployed than one year ago.

After posting an impressive advance last month, adjusted employment in the Area moved sharply lower in February. The decline is attributable, in part, to January's strong employment surge, which magnifies employment losses in February after seasonal adjustment. Still, this series is now 10,800 below the level of one year ago.

Total nonfarm wage and salary employment was virtually unchanged over the month (down 100) as most industries performed about according to seasonal expectations. Job losses over the past twelve months now number 3,500.

Gains in the government (up 2,700) and services (up 700) sectors almost offset large losses in construction (down 1,400) and trade (down 2,200) during February.

COLORADO SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDUSTRY DATA*
(In Thousands)

1986	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1,418.1	1,414.2	1,417.2	1,407.9	1,406.6	1,403.2	1,400.1	1,394.8	1,387.7	1,394.7	1,390.7	1,391.7
Mining	30.7	30.3	29.3	28.9	28.0	27.6	27.0	26.1	25.4	25.5	25.1	24.6
Contract Construction	82.7	80.5	80.7	78.3	77.9	76.3	77.1	74.8	73.8	73.5	72.8	71.6
Manufacturing	187.7	187.6	187.6	187.2	185.8	185.3	183.5	183.6	184.0	184.1	183.6	184.3
Durable Goods	120.9	120.5	120.5	120.3	119.5	118.8	117.6	117.4	117.3	117.6	117.1	117.6
Nondurable Goods	66.8	67.1	67.1	66.9	66.3	66.5	65.9	66.2	66.7	66.5	66.5	66.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	87.6	85.0	87.8	88.2	88.4	87.7	88.3	90.6	86.6	86.1	86.1	87.3
Trade	353.0	352.3	352.0	349.5	351.9	351.0	350.4	347.9	344.2	347.3	344.8	342.7
Wholesale	79.5	79.2	79.0	78.4	78.2	77.2	76.9	76.6	76.3	76.5	76.3	75.6
Retail	273.5	273.1	273.0	271.1	273.7	273.8	273.5	271.3	267.9	270.8	268.5	267.1
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	97.5	97.6	97.5	97.8	97.2	97.9	98.2	97.5	96.5	97.6	97.4	97.9
Services	326.3	326.5	327.2	326.2	326.1	324.1	323.8	322.1	322.8	324.5	324.1	325.8
Government	252.6	254.4	255.1	251.8	251.3	253.3	251.8	252.2	254.4	256.1	256.8	257.5
Federal	52.4	53.0	53.0	52.6	52.3	52.0	51.8	51.8	51.7	52.7	53.2	53.6
State	58.4	59.2	59.8	57.6	57.0	60.0	59.9	59.8	60.6	60.5	59.8	60.3
Local	141.8	142.2	142.3	141.6	142.0	141.3	140.1	140.6	142.1	142.9	143.8	143.6

1985	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1,418.8	1,417.8	1,410.7	1,422.1	1,421.5	1,422.4	1,420.3	1,422.5	1,419.6	1,414.0	1,413.0	1,412.8
Mining	35.0	34.3	34.1	33.7	33.4	33.4	32.6	31.6	32.3	32.2	31.6	31.2
Contract Construction	90.1	88.7	89.1	89.1	88.8	87.9	86.8	86.7	85.9	84.2	81.5	78.3
Manufacturing	196.4	195.3	194.5	194.4	193.8	193.6	191.5	190.7	190.1	188.8	189.0	188.7
Durable Goods	125.9	125.4	124.8	125.2	124.8	124.5	123.0	122.6	122.4	121.8	122.0	121.9
Nondurable Goods	70.5	69.9	69.7	69.2	69.0	69.1	68.5	68.1	67.7	67.0	67.0	66.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	88.2	88.0	88.1	88.1	88.3	88.5	88.8	90.0	89.3	88.4	88.2	88.3
Trade	353.4	354.3	345.5	352.3	352.5	353.2	353.1	352.9	350.8	348.4	349.2	349.8
Wholesale	81.7	81.6	81.7	81.9	82.0	81.4	81.0	81.0	80.1	79.8	79.8	79.4
Retail	271.7	272.7	272.8	270.4	270.5	271.8	272.1	271.9	270.7	268.6	269.4	270.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	94.9	95.0	95.2	95.9	95.8	95.5	95.9	96.0	95.7	96.5	96.8	96.9
Services	315.1	316.4	317.5	321.6	320.8	322.1	324.1	325.2	325.0	323.8	324.0	326.4
Government	245.7	245.8	246.7	247.0	248.1	248.2	247.5	249.4	250.5	251.7	252.7	253.2
Federal	51.6	51.9	51.9	52.4	51.6	51.2	51.2	51.6	51.6	52.3	52.6	53.1
State	57.3	57.1	57.8	57.7	58.1	58.2	56.6	58.4	58.5	58.8	58.9	58.8
Local	136.8	136.8	137.0	136.9	138.4	138.8	139.7	139.4	140.4	140.6	141.2	141.3

* To facilitate the evaluation of labor market developments, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method.

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DENVER MSA SEASONALLY ADJUSTED INDUSTRY DATA*
(In Thousands)

1986	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	815.7	812.0	811.0	808.2	805.0	804.3	803.6	804.9	798.6	801.2	799.7	801.0
Mining	20.2	19.6	19.0	18.5	18.1	17.7	17.5	16.8	16.4	16.5	16.5	16.1
Contract Construction	46.1	44.1	44.5	43.6	42.6	41.6	41.7	41.7	41.5	41.7	40.5	41.3
Manufacturing	99.2	98.4	98.5	97.6	96.8	96.3	95.5	95.6	96.2	95.6	95.6	96.1
Durable Goods	53.8	53.1	53.1	52.3	52.1	51.5	51.1	51.0	51.2	50.9	50.8	51.2
Nondurable Goods	45.4	45.3	45.4	45.3	44.7	44.8	44.4	44.6	45.0	44.7	44.8	44.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	62.5	63.0	62.7	63.0	63.4	61.8	62.3	66.7	61.5	61.1	62.0	63.3
Trade	203.5	202.8	202.4	202.7	202.9	206.5	206.6	205.2	204.0	203.9	202.1	201.9
Wholesale	57.4	57.4	57.1	56.9	56.6	56.0	55.7	55.5	55.6	55.7	55.3	54.9
Retail	146.1	145.4	145.3	145.8	146.3	150.5	150.9	149.7	148.4	148.2	146.8	147.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65.8	65.8	65.6	65.7	65.2	65.5	66.1	65.6	65.4	66.0	65.8	65.9
Services	197.3	196.9	197.2	197.7	197.5	195.0	194.6	193.5	192.8	194.3	194.4	194.4
Government	121.1	121.4	121.1	119.4	118.5	119.9	119.3	119.8	120.8	122.1	122.8	122.0
Federal	31.4	31.5	31.5	31.4	31.1	31.0	31.1	30.9	31.0	31.3	31.5	31.3
State	24.8	25.0	24.5	23.4	22.7	25.0	25.1	25.2	25.2	25.3	25.4	24.6
Local	64.9	64.9	65.1	64.6	64.7	63.9	63.1	63.7	64.6	65.5	65.9	66.1

1985	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	818.0	817.8	818.2	818.1	818.8	818.3	817.5	821.4	818.6	815.1	813.5	815.2
Mining	22.5	22.2	22.2	21.9	21.8	21.9	21.6	21.6	21.4	20.8	20.3	19.9
Contract Construction	51.0	50.1	50.2	50.1	49.7	49.3	48.4	48.6	48.5	48.1	45.1	44.9
Manufacturing	102.4	102.6	102.3	102.3	102.3	101.9	100.8	100.7	100.8	99.8	99.9	100.0
Durable Goods	54.5	54.7	54.5	54.8	55.0	54.7	54.0	54.1	54.3	53.5	53.8	54.2
Nondurable Goods	47.9	47.9	47.8	47.5	47.3	47.2	46.8	46.6	46.5	46.3	46.1	45.8
Transportation & Public Utilities	62.7	62.7	62.8	62.7	63.0	62.4	62.9	65.9	63.9	63.6	63.2	63.0
Trade	205.1	206.0	205.9	203.8	205.0	205.2	205.5	205.2	204.5	203.1	203.6	204.5
Wholesale	59.5	59.6	59.5	59.5	59.4	58.9	58.7	58.5	58.3	58.3	58.1	57.9
Retail	145.6	146.4	146.4	144.3	145.6	146.3	146.8	146.7	146.2	144.8	145.5	146.6
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65.5	65.0	65.0	65.2	65.0	64.8	65.5	65.5	65.2	65.7	66.0	65.9
Services	191.1	191.9	192.1	194.5	194.2	194.7	194.6	194.8	195.0	194.0	194.8	195.9
Government	117.7	117.3	117.7	117.6	117.8	118.1	118.2	119.1	119.3	120.0	120.6	121.1
Federal	31.3	31.4	31.5	31.6	31.1	31.2	31.4	31.7	31.7	31.6	31.8	31.8
State	24.0	23.7	23.9	24.0	24.0	24.0	23.7	24.1	24.3	24.4	24.5	24.6
Local	62.4	62.2	62.3	62.0	62.7	62.9	63.1	63.3	63.3	64.0	64.3	64.7

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SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	NOV 1986	FEB 1986	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1718.2	1732.5	1690.7	1706.8	-14.3	27.5	11.4
Unemployment	148.5	146.4	132.3	117.5	2.1	16.2	31.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	8.5	7.8	6.9	---	---	---
Employment	1569.7	1586.1	1558.4	1589.3	-16.4	11.3	-19.6
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1408.6	1409.3	1390.7	1414.2	-0.7	17.9	-5.6
Mining	24.6	24.7	25.1	30.3	-0.1	-0.5	-5.7
Contract Construction	75.5	76.5	72.8	80.5	-1.0	2.7	-5.0
Manufacturing	184.6	183.6	183.6	187.6	1.0	1.0	-3.0
Durable Goods	117.3	117.2	117.1	120.5	0.1	0.2	-3.2
Nondurable Goods	67.3	66.4	66.5	67.1	0.9	0.8	0.2
Transportation & Public Utilities	88.6	88.6	86.1	85.0	0.0	2.5	3.6
Trade	351.9	351.1	344.8	352.3	0.8	7.1	-0.4
Wholesale	75.8	76.0	76.3	79.2	-0.2	-0.5	-3.4
Retail	276.1	275.1	268.5	273.1	1.0	7.6	3.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	97.8	97.9	97.4	97.6	-0.1	0.4	0.2
Services	328.2	327.1	324.1	326.5	1.1	4.1	1.7
Government	257.4	259.8	256.8	254.4	-2.4	0.6	3.0
Federal	54.9	54.5	53.2	53.0	0.4	1.7	1.9
State	60.7	61.4	59.8	59.2	-0.7	0.9	1.5
Local	141.8	143.9	143.8	142.2	-2.1	-2.0	-0.4
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	914.1	918.5	901.0	905.3	-4.4	13.1	8.8
Unemployment	72.5	69.8	65.4	52.9	2.7	7.1	19.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	7.6	7.3	5.8	---	---	---
Employment	841.6	848.7	835.6	852.4	-7.1	6.0	-10.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	808.4	809.6	799.7	812.0	-1.2	8.7	-3.6
Mining	16.3	16.1	16.5	19.6	0.2	-0.2	-3.3
Contract Construction	40.7	42.5	40.5	44.1	-1.8	0.2	-3.4
Manufacturing	95.2	95.2	95.6	98.4	0.0	-0.4	-3.2
Durable Goods	50.8	50.9	50.8	53.1	-0.1	0.0	-2.3
Nondurable Goods	44.4	44.3	44.8	45.3	0.1	-0.4	-0.9
Transportation & Public Utilities	64.2	63.9	62.0	63.0	0.3	2.2	1.2
Trade	204.0	204.1	202.1	202.8	-0.1	1.9	1.2
Wholesale	54.2	54.5	55.3	57.4	-0.3	-1.1	-3.2
Retail	149.8	149.6	146.8	145.4	0.2	3.0	4.4
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	66.1	66.3	65.8	65.8	-0.2	0.3	0.3
Services	198.0	196.6	194.4	196.9	1.4	3.6	1.1
Government	123.9	124.9	122.8	121.4	-1.0	1.1	2.5
Federal	32.4	32.1	31.5	31.5	0.3	0.9	0.9
State	25.8	26.2	25.4	25.0	-0.4	0.4	0.8
Local	65.7	66.6	65.9	64.9	-0.9	-0.2	0.8
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	132310	133420	129880	129850	-1110	2430	2460
Unemployment	8530	8560	7170	7680	-30	1360	850
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.4	6.4	5.5	5.9	---	---	---
Employment	123780	124860	122710	122170	-1080	1070	1610
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	185130	187070	177530	181590	-1940	7600	3540
Unemployment	17260	16400	13640	12640	860	3620	4620
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	8.8	7.7	7.0	---	---	---
Employment	167870	170670	163890	168950	-2800	3980	-1080
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	89460	90570	86240	89210	-1110	3220	250
Unemployment	6860	6890	6140	5320	-30	720	1540
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.6	7.1	6.0	---	---	---
Employment	82600	83680	80100	83890	-1080	2500	-1290
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	65530	66050	63740	64240	-520	1790	1290
Unemployment	6070	6040	5650	5030	30	420	1040
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	9.1	8.9	7.8	---	---	---
Employment	59460	60010	58090	59210	-550	1370	250
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	49910	50350	49530	50580	-440	380	-670
Unemployment	6230	6280	5870	6140	-50	360	90
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.5	12.5	11.9	12.1	---	---	---
Employment	43680	44070	43660	44440	-390	20	-760

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	FEB 2/ 1987	JAN 3/ 1987	FEB 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	1698.6	1703.7	1683.2	-5100	15400
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	163.4	158.8	129.2	4600	34200
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.6	9.3	7.7	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1535.2	1544.9	1554.0	-9700	-18800
Nonagricultural 5/	1509.2	1522.7	1527.6	-13500	-18400
Agricultural	26.0	22.2	26.4	3800	-400
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	1391.7	1391.7	1399.8	0	-8100
MINING	24.3	24.7	29.9	-400	-5600
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	3.7	3.7	4.4	0	-700
Oil & Gas Extraction	17.4	17.7	21.7	-300	-4300
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	68.0	69.8	72.5	-1800	-4500
General Building Contractors	16.5	17.3	18.9	-800	-2400
Heavy Construction Contractors	8.8	8.7	8.9	100	-100
Special Trade Contractors	42.7	43.8	44.7	-1100	-2000
MANUFACTURING	182.1	182.1	185.1	0	-3000
Durable Goods	116.1	116.3	119.3	-200	-3200
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.7	6.6	6.6	100	100
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	7.7	7.9	8.8	-200	-1100
Primary & Fabricated Metals	12.6	12.6	13.5	0	-900
Machinery, except Electrical	25.3	25.3	25.2	0	100
Electric & Electronic Equipment	22.6	22.7	23.0	-100	-400
Transportation Equipment	18.0	18.0	17.6	0	400
Nondurable Goods	66.0	65.8	65.8	200	200
Food & Kindred Products	23.0	23.0	22.6	0	400
Printing & Publishing	23.1	22.9	22.4	200	700
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	88.0	88.2	87.4	-200	600
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	47.4	47.2	47.8	200	-400
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	343.9	346.7	344.4	-2800	-500
Wholesale Trade	74.7	75.2	78.1	-500	-3400
Retail Trade	269.2	271.5	266.3	-2300	2900
General Merchandise Stores	29.6	30.5	27.3	-900	2300
Food Stores	40.1	40.6	40.2	-500	-100
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	28.4	28.4	28.5	0	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	102.8	103.1	102.9	-300	-100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	97.3	97.6	97.1	-300	200
Banking	21.9	21.9	22.5	0	-600
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	19.0	19.2	18.3	-200	700
SERVICES	326.6	326.1	324.9	500	1700
Hotels & Other Lodging	27.8	27.8	29.0	0	-1200
Personal Services	16.9	17.2	17.1	-300	-200
Business Services	68.6	69.0	69.2	-400	-600
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	16.0	15.8	15.8	200	200
Amusements & Recreation	22.8	23.2	22.3	-400	500
Health Services	80.7	80.5	78.6	200	2100
Hospitals	34.0	33.8	33.0	200	1000
GOVERNMENT	261.5	256.5	258.5	5000	3000
Federal Government	53.9	53.7	52.0	200	1900
State Government	63.2	59.2	61.7	4000	1500
Education	43.6	39.4	42.4	4200	1200
Local Government	144.4	143.6	144.8	800	-400
Education	79.4	78.6	80.4	800	-1000
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	FEB 2/ 1987	JAN 3/ 1987	FEB 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	902.4	906.4	891.5	-4000	10900
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	78.5	76.4	57.3	2100	21200
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	8.4	6.4	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	823.9	830.0	834.2	-6100	-10300
Nonagricultural 5/	819.3	826.1	829.5	-6800	-10200
Agricultural	4.6	3.9	4.7	700	-100
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	796.5	796.6	800.0	-100	-3500
MINING	16.2	16.1	19.5	100	-3300
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.5	14.4	17.3	100	-2800
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	37.7	39.1	40.9	-1400	-3200
MANUFACTURING	93.9	93.9	97.1	0	-3200
Durable Goods	50.1	50.0	52.4	100	-2300
Transportation Equipment	16.3	16.4	15.8	-100	500
Nondurable Goods	43.8	43.9	44.7	-100	-900
Food & Kindred Products	13.8	13.9	14.0	-100	-200
Printing & Publishing	13.2	13.2	13.3	0	-100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	63.9	63.8	62.7	100	1200
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	200.3	202.5	199.1	-2200	1200
Wholesale Trade	53.8	54.2	56.9	-400	-3100
Retail Trade	146.5	148.3	142.2	-1800	4300
Eating & Drinking Places	54.4	54.3	53.2	100	1200
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	65.3	65.4	65.0	-100	300
SERVICES	194.2	193.5	193.2	700	1000
Hotels & Other Lodging	11.6	11.5	11.6	100	0
Health Services	46.8	46.6	45.2	200	1600
GOVERNMENT	125.0	122.3	122.5	2700	2500
Federal Government	32.2	32.0	31.3	200	900
State Government	26.1	24.2	25.3	1900	800
Local Government	66.7	66.1	65.9	600	800
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	FEB 2/ 1987	JAN 3/ 1987	FEB 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	131.3	131.4	128.7	-100	2600
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	9.4	9.4	8.4	0	1000
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.2	6.5	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	121.9	122.0	120.3	-100	1600
Nonagricultural 5/	120.8	121.1	119.2	-300	1600
Agricultural	1.1	0.9	1.1	200	0
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	104.2	103.3	102.4	900	1800
MINING	0.3	0.2	0.3	100	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.6	3.7	3.9	-100	-300
MANUFACTURING	28.6	28.6	28.0	0	600
Durable Goods	23.4	23.5	22.9	-100	500
Nondurable Goods	5.2	5.1	5.1	100	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.3	2.2	2.4	100	-100
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	22.6	22.9	22.4	-300	200
Wholesale Trade	2.6	2.7	2.8	-100	-200
Retail Trade	20.0	20.2	19.6	-200	400
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	100
SERVICES	21.6	21.5	20.4	100	1200
GOVERNMENT	21.3	20.3	21.2	1000	100
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	100
State Government	10.2	9.3	9.7	900	500
Local Government	8.4	8.3	8.9	100	-500
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	FEBRUARY 1987 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	JANUARY 1987 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	6186	5382	804	13.0	--	6180	5390	790	12.8
ARCHULETA	2469	2166	303	12.3	--	2478	2177	301	12.1
BACA	1766	1660	106	6.0	--	1689	1602	87	5.2
BENT	2202	2015	187	8.5	--	2201	2005	196	8.9
CHAFFEE	6560	5517	1043	15.9	--	6602	5592	1010	15.3
CHEYENNE	903	835	68	7.5	--	875	818	57	6.5
CLEAR CREEK	3136	2734	402	12.8	--	3170	2786	384	12.1
CO. SPGS. MSA	182335	163675	18660	10.2	--	183837	166058	17779	9.7
CONEJOS	2442	1778	664	27.2	--	2440	1762	678	27.8
COSTILLA	1008	717	291	28.9	--	973	713	260	26.7
CROWLEY	988	886	102	10.3	--	948	828	120	12.7
CUSTER	841	757	84	10.0	--	834	753	81	9.7
DELTA	8340	6918	1422	17.1	--	8356	6958	1398	16.7
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1033661	945799	87862	8.5	--	1037755	951972	85783	8.3
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	131279	121922	9357	7.1	--	131387	121990	9397	7.2
-DENVER MSA	902382	823877	78505	8.7	--	906368	829982	76386	8.4
---ADAMS	154441	137459	16982	11.0	--	154876	138477	16399	10.6
---ARAPAHOE	210704	195616	15088	7.2	--	212112	197066	15046	7.1
---DENVER	282914	256204	26710	9.4	--	284160	258103	26057	9.2
---DOUGLAS	19142	17682	1460	7.6	--	19229	17813	1416	7.4
---JEFFERSON	235181	216916	18265	7.8	--	235991	218523	17468	7.4
DOLORES	831	747	84	10.1	--	842	748	94	11.2
EAGLE	12081	11386	695	5.8	--	12149	11486	663	5.5
ELBERT	3617	3113	504	13.9	--	3639	3115	524	14.4
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	87835	79872	7963	9.1	--	87690	79748	7942	9.1
FREMONT	11624	9639	1985	17.1	--	11548	9740	1808	15.7
GARFIELD	14640	12836	1804	12.3	--	14753	13054	1699	11.5
GILPIN	1338	1160	178	13.3	--	1307	1165	142	10.9
GRAND	5591	5311	280	5.0	--	5587	5332	255	4.6
GREELEY MSA	63849	56847	7002	11.0	--	63546	56706	6840	10.8
GUNNISON	5574	5159	415	7.4	--	5616	5210	406	7.2
HINSDALE	373	321	52	13.9	--	362	327	35	9.7
HUERFANO	2523	1979	544	21.6	--	2487	1979	508	20.4
JACKSON	780	733	47	6.0	--	758	721	37	4.9
KIOWA	877	812	65	7.4	--	845	788	57	6.7
KIT CARSON	3485	3203	282	8.1	--	3357	3150	207	6.2
LAKE	1644	1274	370	22.5	--	1644	1304	340	20.7
LA PLATA	17297	15258	2039	11.8	--	17243	15350	1893	11.0
LAS ANIMAS	4660	3791	869	18.6	--	4659	3797	862	18.5
LINCOLN	1954	1819	135	6.9	--	1930	1786	144	7.5
LOGAN	8957	8164	793	8.9	--	8881	8128	753	8.5
MESA	39002	33229	5773	14.8	--	38910	33439	5471	14.1
MINERAL	317	231	86	27.1	--	306	234	72	23.5
MOFFAT	5519	4670	849	15.4	--	5606	4762	844	15.1
MONTEZUMA	9135	7272	1863	20.4	--	9097	7348	1749	19.2
MONTROSE	10687	9154	1533	14.3	--	10687	9265	1422	13.3
MORGAN	9018	7912	1106	12.3	--	8910	7885	1025	11.5
OTERO	8571	7383	1188	13.9	--	8435	7320	1115	13.2
OURAY	1073	908	165	15.4	--	1094	919	175	16.0
PARK	2842	2476	366	12.9	--	2845	2505	340	12.0
PHILLIPS	1943	1835	108	5.6	--	1896	1796	100	5.3
PITKIN	9178	8988	190	2.1	--	9437	9095	342	3.6
PROWERS	6387	5746	641	10.0	--	6362	5780	582	9.1
PUEBLO MSA	49910	42978	6932	13.9	--	50297	43278	7019	14.0
RIO BLANCO	2840	2528	312	11.0	--	2878	2577	301	10.5
RIO GRANDE	5135	4144	991	19.3	--	5178	4157	1021	19.7
ROUTT	8164	7426	738	9.0	--	8186	7501	685	8.4
SAGUACHE	1487	1139	348	23.4	--	1465	1107	358	24.4
SAN JUAN	639	526	113	17.7	--	679	559	120	17.7
SAN MIGUEL	2139	1893	246	11.5	--	2094	1906	188	9.0
SEDGWICK	1303	1168	135	10.4	--	1299	1151	148	11.4
SUMMIT	9514	9090	424	4.5	--	9593	9137	456	4.8
TELLER	5117	4428	689	13.5	--	5190	4507	683	13.2
WASHINGTON	2217	1978	239	10.8	--	2098	1921	177	8.4
YUMA	4045	3799	246	6.1	--	3953	3717	236	6.0
STATE TOTAL	1698549	1535164	163385	9.6	--	1703676	1544914	158762	9.3

ESTIMATES MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND ADJUSTED TO CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA. ESTIMATES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB 2/ 1987	JAN 3/ 1987	FEB 1986	FEB 2/ 1987	JAN 3/ 1987	FEB 1986	FEB 2/ 1987	JAN 3/ 1987	FEB 1986
CONSTRUCTION	$459.00	$416.60	$440.70	36.0	32.7	35.2	$12.75	$12.74	$12.52
MANUFACTURING	$395.57	$398.00	$380.72	40.2	39.8	39.7	$9.84	$10.00	$9.59
Durable Goods	$403.51	$408.84	$394.00	40.8	40.6	40.0	$9.89	$10.07	$9.85
Nondurable Goods	$382.59	$381.37	$357.77	39.2	38.6	39.1	$9.76	$9.88	$9.15

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	FEB 2/ 1987	JAN 3/ 1987	FEB 1986	FEB 2/ 1987	JAN 3/ 1987	FEB 1986	FEB 2/ 1987	JAN 3/ 1987	FEB 1986
CONSTRUCTION	$495.06	$441.40	$445.83	35.9	32.6	33.0	$13.79	$13.54	$13.51
MANUFACTURING	$432.95	$441.90	$411.03	40.2	40.1	40.1	$10.77	$11.02	$10.25
Durable Goods	$450.54	$464.31	$427.66	39.8	40.2	41.4	$11.32	$11.55	$10.33
Nondurable Goods	$418.59	$421.60	$392.18	40.6	40.0	38.6	$10.31	$10.54	$10.16

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986	FEB 1987	JAN 1987	FEB 1986
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	16,458	19,862	18,126	9,002	10,212	8,308
Continued Claims	174,985	182,328	150,852	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	144,584	147,199	126,101	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$22,981,736	$23,554,980	$19,461,825	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$53,664,179	$58,320,773	$77,683,868	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	16,358	15,902	11,256	8,767	8,366	5,838
Nonagricultural Placements	4,246	3,860	3,972	1,264	1,629	1,424
Agricultural Placements	50	46	72	13	18	17

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

January 1987 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	117,703	1703.7	1606.5	449.8	399.6	666.3	758.2	237.9
Unemployment	8,620	158.8	125.2	48.2	40.3	65.4	56.3	25.3
Unemployment Rate(%)	7.3	9.3	7.8	10.7	10.1	9.8	7.4	10.6
Employment	109,084	1544.9	1481.3	401 6	359.3	600.9	701.9	212.6

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonable weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.
2/ Preliminary.
3/ Revised.
4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.
5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.
6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.
7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.
8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 900 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.